

97581 to 97629—Continued

97629. *SYRINGA PINETORUM* W. W. Smith.
Oleaceae. Lilac.

A shrub related to *S. microphylla*, about 10 feet high, with densely pilose branchlets, ovate to ovate-lanceolate leaves 2 to 4 inches long, and purplish flowers in panicles about 9 inches long. It is native to southwestern China.

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97630 to 97656.

From India. Seeds presented by W. Koelz, Himalayan Research Institute, Nagar, Kulu, Punjab. Received February 11, 1932.

97630. *AESCULUS ASSAMICA* Griffith.
Aesculaceae.

From Kulu, Punjab. A tree up to 4 feet in diameter, found between 7,000 and 9,000 feet altitude. A moderate-sized deciduous tree with soft white close-grained wood; the 5 to 7 leaflets are shortly petioled, and the narrowly lanceolate panicles of white and yellow flowers are as long as the leaves.

* For previous introduction see 39102.

97631. *AQUILEGIA* sp. Ranunculaceae.
Columbine.

Collected at Wakka, Zaskaskar, at 14,000 feet altitude. A columbine with very attractive blue flowers and very glaucous blue-gray foliage.

97632. *BUXUS* sp. Buxaceae. Box.

From Sirham, Kulu, Punjab. A box, 4 feet high, found in open spaces in fir forest between 8,000 and 9,000 feet altitude.

97633. *CICER* sp. Fabaceae.

Collected at Pensi La, Zaskaskar, at 14,000 feet altitude.

97634. *CLEMATIS* sp. Ranunculaceae.

Collected in Ladakh Province at 14,000 feet altitude. A very attractive clematis with large yellow flowers.

97635. *COTONEASTER* sp. Malaceae.

Collected at an altitude of 6,000 feet at Darkali, Rampur-Bushahr. An arborescent cotoneaster which becomes 20 feet high.

97636. *COTONEASTER* sp. Malaceae.

Collected at Potang La at 13,000 feet altitude. A large shrub with attractive habit, foliage, and fruit.

97637. *CUCURBITA MAXIMA* Duchesne.
Cucurbitaceae. Squash.

From Darkali, Rampur-Bushahr, at 8,000 feet altitude. A green squash which sometimes grows to weigh 40 pounds. The yellow flesh is of superb flavor; considered the best of its kind in cultivation there and superior to anything in America. The natives say that it thrives best if the climate is not too hot. It seems to be confined to a very small valley here.

97638. *CUCURBITA PEPO* L. Cucurbitaceae. Pumpkin.

Collected at Darkali, Rampur-Bushahr. An edible pumpkin.

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97639. *DELPHINIUM* sp. Ranunculaceae.
Larkspur.

Collected below Pensi La, Zaskaskar, at 14,000 feet altitude.

97640. *DIANTHUS* sp. Silenaceae.

Collected at 12,000 feet altitude in Rangdum, Zaskaskar. A very attractive little pink dianthus found on a well-watered slope.

97641. *EUONYMUS* sp. Celastraceae.

From Kulu, Punjab. A small tree or shrub collected in a forest between 8,000 and 9,000 feet altitude.

97642. *EUONYMUS* sp. Celastraceae.

Collected at Darkali, Rampur-Bushahr. A large evergreen forest tree which is very attractive in its fruiting season. It tolerates snow for two months, but not much frost.

97643. *HYPERICUM* sp. Hypericaceae.

From Darkali, Rampur-Bushahr. An attractive shrub 4 feet high collected at the forest edge at 8,000 feet altitude.

97644 and 97645. *PEDICULARIS* spp.
Scrophulariaceae.

Collected at Rangdum, Zaskaskar, at 13,000 feet altitude.

97644. *PEDICULARIS* sp.

A plant nearly 3 feet high, with flowers which are probably yellow.

97645. *PEDICULARIS* sp.

A very attractive form with rose-lavender flowers.

97646. *PINUS GERARDIANA* Wall. Pinaceae. Pine.

Seeds purchased at Kunawar, Rampur-Bushahr. A very attractive tree from the dry uplands. It has about the same ecological relationships as *Pinus edulis*.

97647. *RHODODENDRON ARBOREUM* J. E. Smith. Ericaceae. Tree rhododendron.

From Rampur-Bushahr. A very attractive tree up to 2½ feet in diameter, which grows between 7,000 and 9,000 feet altitude on slopes too isolated for other trees. It will tolerate snow and frost.

For previous introduction see 97376.

97648. *ROSA* sp. Rosaceae. Rose.

From Kulu, Punjab. A rose with beautiful pink flowers, which flowers sparingly. Collected in the forest between 8,000 and 10,000 feet altitude.

97649 and 97650. *SKIMMIA LAUREBOLA* (DC.) Sieb. and Zucc. Rutaceae.

Collected in Kulu, Punjab. An evergreen, strongly aromatic shrub found throughout the temperate Himalayas at altitudes ranging from 6,000 to 10,000 feet. The white flowers are crowded into terminal panicles, and the red fleshy oval fruits are less than an inch in length. The timber is used to make hoe and ax handles.

For previous introduction see 55704.

97649. A shrub 2 feet high, growing in the shade. The very interesting flowers have a musky scent.

97650. Seeds received mixed with *Juniperus pseudosabina*.